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Director's Column by Chad Leinaweaver

Puppies! We all love them and our staff also likes that we get to see them regularly inside the Library. That's right, we have puppies coming in to visit us all the time — on their puppy training missions as future hopeful Seeing Eye® dogs! As a popular downtown Morristown location, we frequently welcome small puppies being raised by local volunteers, as well as young dogs being officially trained by Seeing Eye® staff members. We also see

the vision impaired folks who are learning to get around with their new service dogs.

The Library and its grounds are a perfect place for the dogs to learn how to navigate the world. On October 28, we hosted an event to introduce the public to the joys and responsibilities of becoming an official "Puppy Raiser" for the Seeing Eye®. Our patrons got to visit with TWELVE adorable puppies aged 11 weeks to 11 months. Loreli Stochaj, Club Leader of the Morris Paws 4 A Cause Puppy Club presented a wonderful program and members of the Club and their puppies attended to talk about their canine charges and what it is like to participate in this volunteer endeavor. Cuteness overload! For more information about the program visit www.seeingeye.org.



Claudia Stromberg, a volunteer Seeing Eye Puppy Raiser with her 11-week old Seeing Eye puppy Willow.



Free Holiday Concert!

Join us on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 PM

when we will host *The Metropolitan Saxophone Quartet* for an evening of seasonal music and entertainment. From Mozart to



Glenn Miller to Journey, the family-friendly Metropolitan Saxophone Quartet and their energetic mix of music arrangements have been entertaining area audiences since 2004. The quartet's light humor, precise musicianship, and passion for performing always leaves their listeners yelling, "Encore!"

All are welcome, no registration is necessary. Doors open at 6:30 PM and refreshments will be served. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

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President's Message

by Linda Muse-Deo

The Friends of the Library are offering some bargains at our upcoming used book sales. For November, cookbooks and all holiday books will be available at half of the marked prices. For December, holiday books and humor will be half price. All the books that we have for sale are priced very reasonably and may be just the thing you need for holiday gifts.

The Friends of the Library are an active group of volunteers. Some of the Friends give their time at Tuesday and Saturday used book sales. The proceeds are used to pay for Library programs that have become very popular with the Morristown and Morris Township community. To continue our sales, we are dependent on patrons' donations of used books in good condition (hard cover and trade paperback) and media of all kinds. We do not accept small paperbacks, Time Life books, dictionaries or encyclopedias. Your donations can be brought to the Library at any time that the Library is open. If you have a large number of books that you would like to donate, please call ahead and speak with one of us.

In addition to the sales on the Library's lower level, we have a cart in the Circulation Department. It is stocked with CDs and DVDs and books of special interest for which you can pay at the Circulation desk. The half-price offer does not include items on this cart.

Our sales are held on Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays of the month in the Bookroom between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We hope you will come in and take a look.

Thanksgiving is almost here, and preparations for Christmas and Hanukkah are being made too. No matter what holidays you celebrate, we wish you a peaceful and joyous season.

Nuevos Títulos en Español

Las cosas que nos pasan de Guada Guerra

Sofía, Irene, Julia, Belén y Claudia son un grupo de amigas treintañeras que viven en una negociación constante con sus vidas. Cuando se reúnen en la fiesta de cumpleaños de Sofía, el evento que siempre ha marcado el final de sus veranos, una serie de circunstancias las obliga a enfrentar las decisiones que han tomado hasta ahora y encarar la incertidumbre de su futuro.

Sofía, Irene, Julia, Belén and Claudia are thirty-something friends who are bumbling their way through life. At Sofía's birthday party, the date that has always marked the end of summer for them, a series of circumstances forces them to come to terms with the decisions they've made and face their uncertain futures.

El amor cae del cielo de Esther Sanz

Violeta es una ilustradora que debe terminar el encargo más importante de su carrera. Una aislada casa de campo en un pueblito español será el sitio perfecto para inspirarse y reunirse con sus amigos de la adolescencia. Los anhelos escondidos y la magia del lugar ¿serán suficientes para que también encuentre el amor?

Violeta is an illustrator who's due to finish the most important project of her career. An isolated house in the countryside in a small Spanish village will be the perfect site to inspire her and reunite her with her childhood friends. Will the hidden angels and magic of the place be enough to help her find love, too?

Por si un día volvemos de María Dueñas

Orán. Años 20, siglo XX. En esta ciudad africana, pulso español y administración francesa desembarca una joven con el falso nombre de Cecilia Belmonte. En apariencia, ha cruzado el Mediterráneo para escapar de la miseria, como tantos compatriotas. Su razón, sin embargo, es más turbia. Esta es la historia de una mujer que vivió el auge colonial y el trágico fin de la Argelia francesa.

Oran, Algeria. In this African city, Spanish pulse, and French rule, a young woman by the name of Cecilia Belmonte arrives in a boat sometime in the 1920's. She seems to have crossed the Mediterranean to escape misery, like so many others. But underneath her broken appearance lies a much darker reason. Her journey towards reinventing herself and her destiny spans three vibrant decades and recounts a life filled with perilous twists and turns, set against the backdrop of French Algeria and the end of colonial rule in the region.



The Children's Department by Abigail Hsu

On a sunny Saturday in October, as Ms. Abbi read picture books for storytime, a transformation was happening at one end of the Children's Room. A red tablecloth was draped on a table and onto it went sticker sheets, rubber bracelets, and paper crowns. Next came two speaker cubes and a variety of small colorful character figurines. As families completed their storytime craft and walked back through the Children's Room, they were greeted by the Library's very first **Toniepaloosa**, an interactive program showcasing Toniebox audio players! For the next hour, Tonie representative Michelle Munoz chatted with parents and caregivers, handed out coloring and activity sheets, and demonstrated how to use a Toniebox and its figurines, or "Tonies."



Patron interest in Tonieboxes began last year, when staff began receiving inquiries about whether the Library loaned the new storytelling speakers and their figurines. After many requests, a recommendation was submitted to our Library of Things Committee. Soon after, the Library purchased a Toniebox starter kit for our Library of Things. This year, two more Tonieboxes will be added to the collection as well as individual Tonies.

For parents and caregivers of young children, Tonieboxes are highly appealing because they provide entertainment purely through an audio format. At a time where there is growing data connecting decreased attention spans in children and their use of phone and computer screens, Tonieboxes are an engaging and screen-free audio option for child-friendly technology. Like traditional audiobooks, the songs and stories played by Tonieboxes boost listening, comprehension skills, and build literacy. The figurines, which come in familiar storybook and cartoon characters like Winnie the Pooh and The Grinch, are easy for young children to use and can even be swapped among families at Toniepaloosas.

Interested in a Toniebox? Check one out from our Library of Things and be sure to swing by the next Toniepaloosa for literacy fun and games!



Teen Spice Club by YA Librarian Nancy Ort

If variety is the spice of life, then the Teen Spice Club, planned for January 2026, promises plenty of flavor! As we all know, libraries today are centers of creativity and exploration, not just books! This program invites patrons to mix spices and herbs to create unique seasoning blends for plain chips, popcorn or crackers. The program encourages experimentation, autonomy, and social connection through a fun sensory-rich activity. The idea was sparked by local teens chatting about different potato chip flavor combinations. In responding to this popular flavor-combo trend, the Library hopes to remind young people we are responsive to their interests and are a place for discovery and exploring imagination.

How it Works: Participants will choose from a variety of familiar spices — like garlic powder, cinnamon, and chili powder — plus a new "challenge" spice each week, such as za'atar or powdered ketchup. Each teen will have a personal mixing station to create and taste their blends. There are no wrong combinations — just opportunities to explore and adjust flavors. Teens can record their favorite combinations on recipe cards and share their favorite blends with others.

The Takeaway: Spice Club is more than a tasting event — it's a way to build confidence, curiosity, and creativity. By experimenting with flavors, participants gain a sensory rich learning experience that highlights the Library's role for exploration and lifelong learning.

Registration for this program will begin in December — stay tuned for dates and times on our website!

ON THE SHELF



FICTION by Jessie Best

Dear Debbie by Freida McFadden

Bestselling Freida McFadden returns with another biting, subversive thriller about what happens when women finally choose to take justice into their own hands — with killer results.



The Eight Heartbreaks of Hanukkah

by Jean Meltzer

It's been two years since David walked away from Evelyn and their life in Manhattan, and his ex-wife is still the same workaholic who puts her career before everything else, especially her health. But when Evelyn begins hallucinating "ghosts" tied to her past heartbreaks, and every single one leads to David, he finds himself spending much more time with her than he anticipated and denying the still-smoldering chemistry between them becomes impossible. But can these exes find a second chance this Hanukkah?



A Box Full of Darkness by Simone St. James

Simone St. James, the bestselling author of *The Sun Down Motel*, returns with her scariest, most shocking novel yet in this story about siblings who return to the house they fled 18 years before, called back by the ghost of their long-missing brother and his haunting request: *Come home.*



Seeing Other People

by Emily Wibberley & Austin Siegemund-Broka

Morgan is being ghosted by her ex. No, really. It's sad that Zach died and became a ghost. But Morgan and Zach only went on one date and now she's being haunted by him! At a support group for humans and their hauntings, they run into Sawyer, whose fiancée-turned-ghost has started to fade. But unlike Morgan, Sawyer isn't ready to part ways with his ghost. Although they face opposite issues, the two decide to work together to solve their problems in this heartfelt romance.



NONFICTION by Jessie Best

The American Revolution

by Geoffrey C. Ward & Ken Burns

This is a richly illustrated, human-centered history of America's founding struggle — expanding on the PBS series airing in November 2025. In this sumptuous volume, historian Geoffrey C. Ward steers us through the international forces at play, telling the story not from the top down but from the bottom up — and through the eyes of not only our "Founding Fathers" but also those of ordinary soldiers, as well as underrepresented historical populations such as women, African Americans, Native Americans, and American Loyalists, asking who exactly was entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



Home Schooled by Stefan Merrill Block

Merrill Block debuts with a heartbreaking, empowering, and often hilarious memoir about a mother's all-consuming love, a son's perilous quest to discover the world beyond the front door, and the unregulated homeschool system that impacts millions like him. At once a novelistic portrait of mother and son, and an illuminating window into an overlooked corner of the American education system, *Homeschooled* is a moving, funny, and ultimately inspiring story of a son's battle for a life of his own choosing, and the wages of a mother's insatiable love.



Neptune's Fortune by Julian Sancton

The riveting true story of a legendary Spanish galleon that sunk off the coast of Colombia with over \$1 billion in gold and silver and one man's obsessive quest to find it. *Neptune's Fortune* is a thrilling adventure, taking readers from great naval battles on the high seas to the sun-soaked shores that nurtured history's most notorious treasure hunters, to the archives that held the secret keys to lost fortune on the ocean floor.



The Deserving by Elizabeth Vartkessian

Vartkessian works with criminal defense teams as a mitigation specialist. She isn't part of the Innocence Project; her clients are often legally guilty of terrible crimes. Rather, her job is to spend hundreds of hours per case talking to the parents, siblings, teachers, and neighbors of a defendant, situating their crimes in context. Founder and director of nonprofit mitigation team Advancing Real Change Inc., Vartkessian weaves powerful, gripping stories from her extraordinary career into an inspiring argument for dignity in American justice.



The Look by Michelle Obama

Beautifully illustrated with more than 200 photographs, including never-before-seen images, *The Look* is a stunning journey through Michelle Obama's style evolution, in her own words for the first time. Michelle Obama explores the joy and the purpose of fashion and beauty and how, when wielded with grace and care, they can uplift and affirm the values one holds most dear. Confidence, she concludes, cannot be put on, but when you're wearing something that's intentional, clothing can make you feel like the best version of yourself.



A WIN-WIN for you and those you love! Books to GIVE and GET for the Holidays!

Looking for that perfect holiday gift? Or maybe you want to get yourself something special! Check out the list of books for sale on pages 4-6. Many of them are now out of print and they are rare finds.

This is a perfect time to snatch up a "special" book for someone you love ... and one for you, too, because you are special, too! Support your Library and those you love!



SPECIAL BOOKS FOR SALE — A WIN WIN for you AND your Library!

The Friends of the Library are constantly on the lookout to raise funds to help support our Library. One of the ways we do this is to sell books. You know, of course, about the sales in our our Bookroom (our lower-level bookstore) as well as our Saturday sales on the first and third Saturdays of each month. However, we often get donated, to our delight, “special” books. We sell these books in a very successful online program. We decided to offer some of these books directly to you. Below and continued on pages 5-6 are some of these “special” books. Browse through them. If you find one you like, contact FRIENDS@MMT.MAINLIB.ORG. The books will also be available at the Friends weekly book sales. Enjoy your reading and please continue to donate your books to the Friends!

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Wells A.M., David A.	Wells's Principles and Applications of Chemistry	C: 1858, 1863 Fifth Edition, Ivison, Phinney & Co., Chicago. 240 illustrations. 5-1/4" x 8", 515 pgs. Cover is in Poor to Fair condition: edges & corners worn, spine cover only exists on part of the bottom, Ink greeting and 1865 date on front endpage.	\$10
Paris, Bernard J.	A General Drama Of Pain	Character and Fate in Hardy's Major Novels. C: 2012, Transaction Publishers. 6-1/4" x 9-1/8", 137 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover with unclipped DJ. Inscribed on first blank page by author.	\$10
Harris, George S., English Teacher— Editor	A Book Of Verse written by the Pupils of Morristown High School	January, 1914, Jerseyman Press. 5-1/2" x 7", 109 pgs. Good Hard Cover, Somewhat worn copy.	\$15
Titus, Eve	Anatole and the Toyshop	C: 1970, McGraw-Hill Book Co. May be a First Printing Illustrated in B/W and color by Paul Galdone. 10-1/8" x 7-3/8", 36 pgs. Very Good picture board Hard Cover, Good clipped DJ.	\$15
Hill, Draper	The Young Years 1982-1985	This is the third volume in what has become a tradition in the inauguration activities of Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young. C: 1986, The Inaugural Committee (The Detroit News). Cartoons by Draper Hill. 8" x 8", 77 pgs. Inscribed by author and dated Oct 2003.	\$10
Bryant, William Cullen (The Idle Scholar)	The Bryant Homestead-Book	C: 1869, 1870 Edition, G.P. Putnam & Son. Illustrated. 7" x 9-1/2", 224 pgs. With a 4 page supplementary Word document from the author. Brown cover with gilt letting and elaborate decorations and all 3 page edges gilt and marble endpapers.	\$25
Warshow, Robert Irving	Jay Gould, The Story of a Fortune	C 1928, February, 1929 Third Printing, Greenberg. B/W illustrations. 6-1/4" x 9-1/4", 200 pgs. Good- Hard Cover, no DJ.	\$15
McKibben, Bill	Falter: Has The Human Game Begun To Play Itself Out?	C 2019, First Edition, First Printing, Henry Holt and Company. 6-1/4" x 9-1/2", 291 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good unclipped DJ. Author signed on full title page.	\$8
Muthoo, Abhinay	Bargaining Theory With Applications	C: 1999, Cambridge University Press, 7" x 10", 357 pages. Fine Hard Cover.	\$10
Fischer, Ph.D., Diane P.	Lyanne Malamed Eternal Woman	Drawing and Paintings. 10" x 11-3/4", 393 pages. C: 2012, Flying Bird Press, New Hard Cover with DJ still in shrinkwrap.	\$25
Harvard University	Harvard College Class Of 1947 (2 Vols)	Fifty-fifth Anniversary Report (2002) and 2nd volume with World War II (2003). 6" x 9", 134 and 359 pages. Very Good SCs.	\$5

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Tse-Tung, Mao	Selected Military Writings Of Mao Tse-Tung	C: 1963, First Edition, Foreign Language Press, frontispiece photo. 6-1/4" x 9", 408 pages. Very Good SC, Good unclipped DJ with bookmark ribbon. DJ has sunfading and edge wear.	\$10
Welsh, Alexander	The Hero Of The Waverley Novels	C: 1963, 1963 Edition, Yale University Press. 5-3/4" x 8-3/4", 273 pages. Very Good- HC, Good unclipped DJ. Gilt printing on spine faded, ink name. Signed and dated by author on first blank page.	\$12
Clemens, Samuel L. (Mark Twain)	The Innocents Abroad (Or The New Pilgrims' Progress)	Undated, about 1900. M.A. Donohue & Co. Complete in One Volume. 5-1/4" x 7-1/2", 471 pgs. Very Good- HC, Good clipped DJ. Couple small soil marks on inside back cover & endpage and light age toning.	\$45
Cunard White Star	Facts About The World's Largest Liner — Queen Elizabeth	Dated August, 1946, Cunard White Star. 6" x 4", 10 pages. Very Good pamphlet. Questions and Answers about the liner with colorful illustrations.	\$3
Kingdon, Frank	As FDR Said	C: 1950, Duell, Sloan and Pearce. 5-1/4" x 7-5/8", 256 pages. Very Good- HC, Fair unclipped DJ. DJ has a lot of wear, but most of the text exists.	\$15
Paret, Peter	French Revolutionary Warfare From Indochina To Algeria	The analysis of a political and military doctrine. C: 1964, Frederick A. Praeger, couple illustrations. 5-1/2" x 8-1/4", 163 pages. Very Good HC, Fair/Good unclipped DJ. DJ has some small edge tears.	\$15
Shimpei Asai	Shadow	Text in Japanese. C: 1986, Shimpei Asai. Sanrio Co., Ltd, Japan, 12" x 12", unpagged. Very Good HC, Good unclipped DJ. Ink greeting on endpage.	\$35
Meade, L.T.	The Princess Who Gave Away All	No date, Ernest Nister - London / E.P. Dutton, NY, Rosebud Series, 4-1/2" x 5-7/8", 31 pages. Good HC, no DJ. 1924 ink greeting on endpage.	\$5
Editors of American Gunsmith Magazine	Gunsmithing The Shotgun: Tips & Techniques	C: 1998, Belvoir Publications, Inc. Photos. 6-1/4" x 9-1/4", 192 pages. Good Hard Cover, Fair unclipped DJ.	\$10
Carroll, Varry & Conant, Ralph & Easton, Thomas — Editors	Private Means Public Ends	Private business in social service delivery. C: 1987, First Printing, Praeger Publishers. 6-1/4" x 9-1/2", 187 pages. Very Good HC, no DJ. Letter from publisher with order form for initial release of book.	\$20
McCormick D.	Tea Time With The Reaper	C: 2018, D. McCormick, #55/#99 Limited Edition. Photos. 6-1/2" x 9-3/8", 111 pages. Very Good HC, Very Good unclipped DJ. Author Inscribed.	\$10
Author of "Violet," "Daisy," etc. (Whitmarsh, C.S.)	Our Summer-House And What Was Said And Done In It.	The Summer-House Series - Volume 1. C: 1859, Brown, Taggard & Chase. B/W frontispiece. 4-1/2" x 6-7/8", 207 pages. Good Hard Cover. Only date in the book is the copyright date. Author's name not listed in book.	\$20
Hofstadter, Richard	The American Political Tradition & The Men Who Made It	C: 1948, 1948 — Second Printing, Alfred A. Knopf. 5-3/4" x 8-5/8", 378 pages + index. Good Hard Cover, no DJ. Inside clean, no writing or tears.	\$10
The Editorial Board Of The University Society	The University Series — Highlights Of Modern Knowledge	Book 1: Stars and Planets; Book 2: The Earth; Book 3: The Plant World; Book 4: The Animal World. C: 1931, The University Society. B/W photos and illustrations. 6-3/8" x 9-1/2", 120, 129, 136, and 116 pages.	\$15

Continued from page 5 — "SPECIAL" Books for sale by the Friends of the Library!

For information on how to purchase one of these books, see page 4. Help support your Library!

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Geikie, LL.D., F.R.S., Archibald	Text-Book Of Geology	1885 Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged, Macmillan & Co. Illustrations. 6" x 9", 992 pages. Good - Hard Cover, no DJ.	\$15
Reclus, Elisee	The Earth, A Descriptive History of the Phenomena of the Life of the Globe	2 HC volumes. A descriptive history of the phenomena of the life of the globe. 1871 Edition, Chapman and Hall, London. Illustrated with 230 maps inserted in the text and 24 maps printed in colours. Translated by the late B.B. Woodward, M.A. and edited by Henry Woodward, British Museum. 6" x 8-3/4", 666 pages. Very Good- Hard Covers.	\$35
Reclus, Elisee	The Ocean, Atmosphere and Life, A descriptive history of the Phenomena of the Life of the Globe	2 HC volumes. This is the 2nd series of a descriptive history of the Phenomena of the Life of the Globe. 1873 Edition, Chapman and Hall, London. Illustrated with 200 maps or figures intercalated in the text and 27 maps printed in colours. Translated by the late B.B. Woodward, M.A. and Edited by Henry Woodward, British Museum. 6" x 8-3/4", 301 and 304 pages. Very Good- Hard Covers.	\$35
Coates, Donald R. - Editor	Environmental Geomorphology and Landscape Conservation – 3 vol set (Benchmark Papers in Geology)	Vol I: Prior to 1900 (C: 1972, 1973 – 2nd Printing); Vol II: Urban areas (C: 1974, 1st Printing); Vol: III Non-Urban (C: 1973); Dowden, Hutchinson & Ross, Inc, 7" x 10-1/8", 485, 454, and 483 pages. Very Good Hard Covers (ink name in 2 volumes), Good unclipped DJs	\$30
Shepard, Jr., Tazewell	John F. Kennedy, Man of the Sea	C: 1965, 1965 Edition, William Morrow, b/w and color photos. 9-1/4" x 12-3/8", 161 pages. Very Good Hard Cover, Good clipped dust jacket. Author inscribed.	\$10

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